

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 958

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Coach Anthony Flatt and the E.O. Coffman Middle School Lady Panthers basketball team upon winning the state championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful middle school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the E.O. Coffman Middle School Lady Panthers girls' basketball team is one such team, who recently won the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association (TSMAA) State Championship, and compiled a perfect record season in the process, garnering twenty-five wins and no losses; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, dedication, and hard work, the team maximized their considerable talents and reached the acme of middle school athletics; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Anthony Flatt provided expert guidance and leadership for these young women throughout their outstanding season; and

WHEREAS, the team's victory and exemplary record is the pinnacle of a prestigious thirty-year career for Coach Flatt, who has won eight titles in his twelve years at Coffman and is retiring this year; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and hard working basketball team, Coffman defeated Harpeth Middle School for the state championship; and

WHEREAS, displaying the skill and character which had powered their tremendous success throughout the season, the E.O. Coffman Middle School girls' basketball team impressed the crowd with their characteristically composed offense, artful defense, and rebounding edge; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Panthers are exceedingly grateful for the enthusiastic support provided by Coach Anthony Flatt and Coach Michael Hollman, without whom none of their triumphs would have been possible; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extremely talented and gifted basketball team are: Courtney Ritter, Emily Williams, Jessa Hunt, Hayley Farrington, Tori Bryant, Joie Hunt, Bailey Joiner, Kayla Ritter, Brittany King, Sarah Chaffin, Irene Young, Abby Clayton, and Katie Carter; and

WHEREAS, the basketball players at E.O. Coffman Middle School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the court while showing the greatest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the E.O. Coffman Middle School girls' basketball team for their success on the court and to thank them for serving as fine examples of Tennessee's youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans of E.O. Coffman Middle School in celebrating the Lady Panthers basketball team's TMSAA State Championship, congratulate their achievement of a perfect season record, and commend the talented young women who accomplished this supreme success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.